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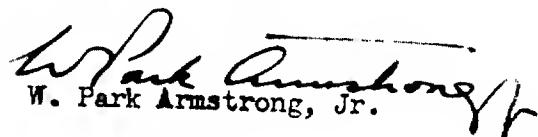
Dear Pearre:

A few weeks ago in talking with Mr. Dulles and Bob Amory about various budgetary problems, we all agreed to endeavor to clarify the question of responsibility for economic research on Communist China. In view of the growing requirements for economic intelligence on the USSR and the European satellites as well as Communist China, and the increasing stringency of personnel resources in the intelligence community, I feel it might be useful also to seek clarification of responsibility for economic intelligence on the entire Communist Bloc. Such clarification should be consonant with the dominant interests of the intelligence agencies, but at the same time should be designed to maximize complementary effort among all the agencies.

With this end in mind, it occurred to me that a DCI directive patterned along the lines of DCID 3/4, which delineates responsibility in the scientific field, might serve as a suitable vehicle. I have drafted a proposed directive of this kind and enclose a copy herewith. I have discussed it informally with Bob Amory and, while he had some reservations with respect to it, it seems to me that it might serve as a basis for broader discussion among the IAC agencies whose dominant interests are involved as well as those of the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency.

If you believe it would serve a useful purpose, the proposed draft directive might be circulated to the IAC members for consideration.

Sincerely yours,


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